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Clerk/Administrator Kay Frauenholtz to Retire From Fifth Appellate District

Fresno—After 12 years of service to the California courts, Clerk/Administrator Kay Frauenholtz has announced that she will retire from the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District (Fresno), effective August 3, 2005.

Ms. Frauenholtz will be succeeded by Ms. Leisa V. Biggers, the human resources director of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, effective August 29.

“Kay Frauenholtz has been an outstanding clerk/administrator for the Fifth District,” said Administrative Presiding Justice James A. Ardaiz. “She has made significant contributions to both the court and the administration of justice at a statewide level. She will be greatly missed throughout the state and by all of us in the Fifth District.”

Active in statewide court activities, Ms. Frauenholtz served on the Judicial Council’s Advisory Committee on Trial Court Coordination and is a current member of Court Executive Officers Advisory Committee. The Judicial Council is the administrative policymaking body for the California courts.

“We appreciate Kay Frauenholtz’s leadership and her contributions to statewide court administration,” stated William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the California Courts. “We thank Kay for her service and wish her well in all her future endeavors.”

Ms. Frauenholtz began her court service in 1993, when she joined the Superior Court of Fresno County as manager of the Court Service Division. She later became the court executive officer in 1997 for the Superior Court of Calaveras County. In 2000, Frauenholtz returned to Fresno as the assistant court administrator for the Fifth Appellate District and was elevated to clerk/administrator in January 2004. Her

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responsibilities included managing the Office of the Clerk and all non-judicial administrative activities for the appellate court. She has been a member of the California Appellate Court Clerk's Association and the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks.

Incoming Clerk/Administrator Leisa Biggers joined the Fourth Appellate District in 1998 and since that time has overseen human resources services in the district's three divisions in San Diego, Santa Ana, and Riverside. Prior to public service, Biggers worked in the private sector for nine years in human resources management.

She holds a B.S. in criminal justice from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Graduate Paralegal Certificate from the University of San Diego. She is also a member of the National Association of Court Managers.

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